



# The Flow

*News of the plans, projects and people of the Carson River Watershed*

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## Linda Conlin Receives Andy Aldax Award!

At the January 20, 2010, CWSD Board of Directors meeting, Linda Conlin was presented the 2010 Andy Aldax Award for her exemplary service in conservation and protection of the Carson River. Ms. Conlin stated that she accepts the award "on behalf of everyone, because it takes a team".

Linda was nomi-

nated by NDEP Bureau of Water Quality Planning and Western Nevada RC&D for her 15 years of

work with River Wranglers, a program which promotes high school mentoring to teach younger children about

environmental stewardship.

Linda's dedication and service truly upholds the vision for the Carson River Watershed!

**Congratulations Linda!**

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Linda Conlin accepts 2010 Andy Aldax Award from CWSD Directors Doug Johnson & Andy Aldax

## North Douglas County and Carson City Water Line Intertie Project

For many years, Carson Water Subconservancy District (CWSD) has promoted a regional approach to solve different challenges faced by each of the water purveyors in the Carson River Watershed. Now CWSD is pleased to be a part of the North Douglas County and Carson

City Water Line Intertie Project. This project facilitates the delivery of water from the Town of Minden, through Douglas County, to Carson City. There are many advantages to each of the water purveyors and their residents. This pipeline project eliminates the du-

plication of efforts by Douglas County, Indian Hills General Improvement District, and Carson City to build and maintain multi-million dollar water treatment facilities to comply with federal water quality regulations.

*Learn more on page 2.*

**CWSD offers a special thanks to Director Gwen Washburn for her service as CWSD Chairperson for the past two years!**

**The torch was passed to Doug Johnson of Douglas County at the January meeting to serve as CWSD Chairman until December 2012.**

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In addition, the Town of Minden benefits with upgrades to their water distribution system. This pipeline also allows Town of Minden to utilize their water rights. Douglas County and Carson City will also be able to move water from various points within their counties, which allows better utilization of their water resources to deal with unexpected system failures and help meet peaks summer demands.

Each entity involved in the project is contributing to different aspects of the project. Town of Minden is upgrading

pipelines in their distribution system and erecting a booster station at the south end of the regional pipeline. Douglas County is overseeing design and construction of the regional pipeline from the Minden booster station to the Douglas – Carson City county line. Douglas County is also constructing a booster station on the north end of the regional pipeline. Carson City is also upgrading their distribution system by installing new transmission lines throughout their system, which includes the pipeline connecting to the regional pipeline. Indian Hills

General Improvement District is building a pipeline from their system to link to the regional pipeline.

Since an intertie already exists between Carson City and Lyon County, this cooperative effort will provide the residents of Douglas County, Carson City, and Lyon County with better water quality throughout the region. This project will also save taxpayers millions of dollars on water treatment and annual operation and maintenance costs.

***This historic event took the effort of many different people, from elected officials to private and public entities working together to ensure the project's completion.***

***Thanks to each and every individual for your efforts to make this incredible project happen!***



## River Wranglers—Making A Difference!

(Information provided by Linda Conlin)

River Wranglers began in 1994 through a grant written by Mary Reid, Water Specialist with UNR Cooperative Extension. The objectives were to: 1) supplement water quality data collected by professional staff in water quality agencies and scientific institution; 2) educate the public about water quality issues; 3) incorporate water quality river monitoring into an ongoing school program; and 4) provide field experience for science students in rural communities. After the \$15,500 grant was exhausted Linda, project coordinator, continued to volunteer and kept the organization intact. On October 20, 2000, River Wranglers incorporated and formed a non-profit organization. The mission of River Wranglers is exploring, conserving and celebrating our rivers through community programs, projects and hands-on education. River Wranglers' vision is to excite youth, their parents and their grandparents by deepening their understanding of and commitment to watershed, rivers and streams that sustain life for generations to come.

## Now Showing—Carson River Film Festival

*Keep Streamsides Greener,  
Keep Water Cleaner Contest*



Thursday, January 28th, 2010

6:30—8:30 p.m.

Carson City Sheriff's Building, Ormsby Room  
911 E. Musser Street, Carson City

**No Charge for admission**

**Free movies and refreshments**

You are invited! Please join us to view short, student-made videos showing why riparian areas are important to protect and what residents can do to help protect them. The video and slide-show projects are done by contestants in the NEMO Program/Carson River Coalition Education (CRC) Working Group's contest, who will award cash prizes in each of four categories. Cash prizes were made possible due to a private donation to the CRC.

The contest was open to students in the ninth through 12th grades of Carson and Douglas high schools and Carson Valley and Pau-Wa-Lu middle schools. Students were asked to address the following topic:

***How Carson River riparian areas benefit you and your community, and how to get people involved in riparian areas preservation***

Dr. Susan Donaldson, a water quality expert with UNR Cooperation Extension and contest organizer, said the contest gives students an appreciation of how riparian areas provide important wildlife habitat and helps keep the river clean by filtering run-off.

"Healthy, diverse riparian areas store water; help reduce floods; filter pollutants; reduce water temperature; and provide a place for recreation," said Donaldson, "They add to our quality of life."

## Annual Carson River Noxious Weed Management Forum

The plant in the picture seems a likely candidate for a vase or for color in your garden—but beware! This plant is actually Russian knapweed, and is highly invasive and listed by the State of Nevada as a noxious weed. Russian knap-

weed, perennial pepperweed (tall white top) and other invasive species continue to threaten our watershed.

On February 3, 2010, the Carson River Coalition will host its annual Noxious Weed Management Forum from

10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Ormsby Room at the Carson City Sheriff's Office. The forum is open to the public. For more information or to sign up, please contact Genie at 887-9005. There is no charge and lunch will be provided.





Do you have events or articles that you would like to have published in "The Flow"? Please send email to [genie@cwsd.org](mailto:genie@cwsd.org).



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### Upcoming Special Events

Jan. 28—**Carson River Film Festival.** 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Ormsby Room, Carson City Sheriff's Office. Contact Sue Donaldson at 856-8401 for more information.

Feb 3—**Carson River Noxious Weed Management Forum.** 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Ormsby Room-Carson City Sheriff's Office. Contact-Genie Azad, 887-9005.

Feb.11—**Carson Valley Trails Association Annual Meeting and Social.** 5:30—7:30 p.m. at Genoa Town Hall. Free & open to all. For more information please visit [www.carsonvalleytrails.org](http://www.carsonvalleytrails.org).

Feb 19—21 **Eagles and Agriculture Event.** Info at [www.visitcarsonvalley.org](http://www.visitcarsonvalley.org) or call Carson Valley Arts Council at 775-782-8207.

March 2—5. **NWRA Conference** in Las Vegas. For info on how to register visit [www.nvwra.org](http://www.nvwra.org)

March 9 & 10—**Nevada State Weed Association Conference** at the Nugget in Sparks. For more info contact Robin Powell at 775-247-2798 or [rpowell@audubon.org](mailto:rpowell@audubon.org)

**FOR INFORMATION ON REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS VISIT [www.cwsd.org](http://www.cwsd.org)**

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